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IT WAS ALL IN A FLASH
FLAMES IN THE STREET RAILWAY
POWER HOUSE.

Oil Caught from a Torch and Fire Shot Up Through the Roof of the Building.

A flame shot out of the top of the Houston Electric Street railway at about 12 o'clock last night, and for a few minutes it seemed as if a disastrous conflagration was about to break out.

There was a prompt response by the fire department to the alarm, however, and the flames were quickly extinguished, and further than the engine room, in which it originated.

According to the statement of Tim Huey, the fireman, he was putting in a new burner at the front end of the oil engine when a stream of oil or some burning gas caught fire from a torch which he had ascended while he turned his back for a moment. The last thing he knew there was a flash and the flame shot up into the light wooden roof.

It says he had the pump shut down, but equipment there was some pressure left in the pipe. A stream of oil poured out and caught in the flame.

When the fireman said he had just gone into the front part of the building to shut the engine down when all of a sudden he saw the engine room in a blaze. He says the damage will not stop the operation of the street railway.

The damage consists in the burning of the roof of the engine room.

Sleet and Snow in Dickens County.
DICKENS, TEXAS, April 17.—About three inches of sleet and snow fell at this place last night, accompanied by strong north

land, which it is feared, raised havoc with the fruit crop of this county. There was very little corn that had been planted long enough to be damaged. The present snow together with the recent rain, has put the ground in fine shape and cotton planting will commence in earnest.

Stephenville Confederates Organized.
Stephenville, Texas, April 21.—About forty ex-Confederates met in the district court room yesterday and organized John M. Stephen camp of ex-Confederates. Mr. E. H. Bell was elected commander, and the other officers filled. Delegates were chosen to attend both the State and Interstate regiments. It is probable that a number will attend the reunion at Nashville.

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